

NCRA 2012-2013 Young Authors' Theme:

"Play that Game!"

The theme for the 2012-2013 Young Authors' Project theme is "Play that Game!" Young Authors are encouraged to write about games they play, inside and out or wherever they play games. They should consider games they played when they were younger, games they shared with family and friends, games where they learned valuable lessons about working together, winning and/or losing, sports and other. Students and Forever Young (Adult) writers can choose to write about a true experience, a content piece about games that made difference in their lives, building mind and body—in prose or poetry form. Let your students experiment -- they will surprise you!

Guidelines to follow:

- All entries must be original creations.
- All entries must be typed in **Microsoft WORD** (not Works) format using the "Times New Roman" font and ready for publication.
- There should be an original title typed in **BOLD, 12 font** (only capitalize 1st letter of each word).
- Text of story should be typed in single space, 10 font.
- Author information should follow the story, leaving two blank lines only, and appear in the following format, 10 font:

Student's name:

Grade:

Teacher:

School:

Reading Council:

- Grades K-1 should have no more than 200 words total.
- Grades 2-8 selections should have no more than 300 words total.
- Grades 9-12 and Forever Young should have no more than 500 words total.
- Only one entry per person may be submitted.
- A completed "Young Author Entry Form" must be taped on the back of each entry.
- Artwork may be submitted (with a written entry by the same person). A separate entry form should be completed and taped on the back of the artwork. (Only send original artwork—no copies please!)
- Entries for state competition must be postmarked by Friday, December 3, 2012. Therefore, local councils will collect/judge their entries prior to this date. *Let your local council know your local collection dates as early in the school year as possible.*
- **Entries from local councils must be submitted by the local council's Young Author Chair/Co-Chair.** The "Council Information" form must accompany entries. Mail local entries with the completed Council Information form to:

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Scoring Rubric for Young Author's Project

Things to Remember:

Any organizational structure/genre is acceptable

Each selection needs a title

K-Grade 1 should have no more than 200 words

Grades 2-8 should have no more than 300 words

Grade 9-Adults should have no more than 500 words

Artwork may accompany writing but it does not count in the judging

Writing Rubric

Stimulating Ideas

- The writing creates an experience for the reader
- The writing has a clear focus on main idea
- The writing has interesting details that support the main idea

Logical Organization

- The writing gives the reader a clear picture of the subject
- The writing has a clear sequence of events
- The writing's events or details are related to the topic
- The writing grabs the reader's attention

Personal Voice

- The writing reveals the writer's thoughts and feelings
- The writing holds the attention of the reader
- The writing shows the writer's interest in the subject

Conventions/Mechanics (see back)

Each reader will award a total score of:

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8

not evident

excellent